

Monday, 20 June 2011

Psalm 79:5-7 How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealousy burn like fire? Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name! For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

How long, Lord, will You continue to stay Your hand as Your Church slips into apostasy and cohabitation with the world? We are surrounded by the Baals of Peor and are acquiescing to them. Let the voices of all who call upon Your name be lifted and heard. Bring repentance and revival to Your Church.

Tuesday, 21 June 2011

Psalm 79:8-10 Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants be known among the nations before our eyes!

Lord, where is the passion, the zeal, the fervor to proclaim the power of Your name? Where does Your Church stand proudly shouting out to the world that we are Your children, empowered to heal and restore the lost and broken to You? How can we expect Your blessings upon us when we refuse in cowardliness to acknowledge our citizenship in Your Kingdom?

Wednesday, 22 June 2011

Psalm 79:11-13 Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die! Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord! But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Lord, many of Your people are suffering, suffering from depression and anxiety, rejection and abandonment, abuse and mistreatment, loneliness and discouragement; all needing Your loving arms around them and an understanding that You cherish them beyond all description. And we, Your people,

need to know and recognize that we are called to be Your loving arms as we extend Your love, grace and mercy to those called by Your name.

Thursday, 23 June 2011

1 Corinthians 4:1-9 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.

Lord, Your church has deserted its first love, its fire has gone cold and only a few embers burning with grateful hearts. Please, please restore us, O God, let Your face shine that we might be saved.

Friday, 24 June 2011

Psalm 80:1-3 To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Lord, Your Church needs to be stirred up; it needs to face persecution; it needs to be called to repentance; it needs to see that it has acquired the veneer of the culture and allowed that

vener to dull its communion with You. Restore us, O God; let
Your face shine that we may be saved.

Saturday, 25 June 2011

*Psalm 80:4-7 O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry
with your people's prayers? (5) You have fed them with the bread of
tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. (6) You make us
an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh
among themselves. (7) Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face
shine, that we may be saved!*

Drive us to our knees, Lord, on our faces before You. What
does it take to bring abject repentance to Your Church. We
have sinned and we continue to sin. We have forsaken our first
love, we have deserted the One who purchased us with His own
blood. Fill us with remorse and shame.

Lord's Day, 26 June 2011

*Psalm 119:59 When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your
testimonies;*

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of the Law that enables me to see
the errors of my ways and directs me to Your testimonies for
guidance and restoration. Thank You for the gift of the Holy
Spirit to open the eyes of my heart to Your Law and who guides
me into its interpretation and application.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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the hopes that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich
source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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